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Brigade Headquarters

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1. The 9th Brigade is divided into 4 battalions and 20 companies; it comprises about 1,300 men. The Brigade HQ is located in a former castle in Pobezevice (N 49-31, E 12-48); the HQ is subordinated through an unknown headquarters in Pilsen to the PS High Command in Prague.
2. There are 11 officers, 16 NCO's, and 116 men permanently assigned to the Brigade HQ. Among these are 4 women warrant officers working as clerks in the StB office. Part of the men belong to the Brigade Reserve Company; the rest are employed as drivers, riders, signallers, cooks, members of the brigade band, etc.
3. The brigade is equipped with 16 trucks, 6 tractors, 14 jeeps, 1 ambulance, 1 mobile dental surgery, 5 passenger cars, and 32 motorcycles. Of these, 8 trucks, 5 jeeps, 1 ambulance, 1 dental surgery, 2 tractors, and 6 motorcycles are allotted to the Brigade HQ.
4. Various courses are given at the Brigade HQ. They include courses in radio, telephone, physical education, horse riding, and courses for dispatch riders, dog leaders, antitank rocket launchers, and heavy machine gun crews.
5. The 9th Brigade is responsible for guarding the section of the frontier from Diana (N 49-38, E 12-35) on the north to Sruby (N 49-19, E 13-01) on the south.

1st Battalion

6. The HQ of the 1st Battalion is located in Bela nad Radbuzou (N 49-35, E 12-42) in civilian buildings. The battalion numbers 282 men divided between 5 companies and the battalion HQ. There are 6 officers, 7 NCO's, and 25 men at the battalion HQ.

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7. The battalion is equipped with 2 trucks, 1 passenger car, 2 jeeps, 8 motor-cycles (3 for the battalion, 5 for the companies), 1 tractor, 6 telephone switchboards and 6 short-wave radio transmitters and receivers. Furthermore, the battalion has 18 riding horses and 12 draft horses (3 riding horses and 2 draft horses for the battalion, the rest for the companies), and 20 dogs allocated by four to the companies.

8. Subordinated companies are the 1st to 5th. The battalion is responsible for the border section from Diana on the north to Rybnik (N 49-31, E 12-41) on the south.

2nd Battalion

9. The HQ of the 2nd Battalion is in the former cloister at Pivon (N 49-29, E 12-44). The battalion numbers 286 men. At the Battalion HQ are 7 officers, 11 NCO's, and 34 men, of which number 24 men belong to a reserve company. The officers have the following functions: commander, deputy commander, three StB members, political officer, and commander of the reserve company.
10. The battalion has at its disposal 2 trucks, 1 passenger car, 2 jeeps, 8 motor-cycles (5 of them for the companies), 1 tractor, 16 riding horses (3 for the HQ, 13 for the companies), 12 draft horses (2 for the HQ, 10 for the companies), 1 scout dog, 6 switchboards, and 6 radio stations.
11. The commanding officer is Sr. Lt. Smesny (fnu).
12. Subordinated companies are the 6th to 10th. The 2nd Battalion is responsible for the border section from Rybnik to Nemanice (N 49-26, E 12-43).

3rd Battalion

13. The HQ of the 3rd Battalion is located in the former castle at Trhanov (N 49-25, E 12-51). The battalion numbers 291 men, of whom approximately 48 men are at the battalion headquarters.
14. Subordinated companies are the 11th to 15th. The battalion is responsible for the border section from Nemanice to Folmava (N 49-21, E 12-51).

4th Battalion

15. The HQ of the 4th Battalion is located in Lout na Sumave (N 49-24, E 13-00). The battalion numbers 298 men, of whom approximately 48 men are at the battalion headquarters.
16. The battalion is equipped with the same number of transport and horses as the 2nd Battalion.
17. Subordinated companies are the 16th to 20th. The battalion is responsible for the border section from Folmava to Sruby.

1st Company

18. Location: Diana; personnel: 2 officers, 4 NCO's, and 41 men; equipment: 1 motorcycle, 1 telephone switchboard, 1 radio station, 3 riding horses, 2 draft horses, and 4 dogs.

2nd Company

19. Location: Eisendorf (N 49-35, E 12-35), from which the civilian inhabitants have been evacuated; personnel: 2 officers, 4 NCO's, and 42 men; equipment: 1 motorcycle, 1 telephone switchboard, 1 radio station, 3 riding horses, 2 draft horses, and 4 dogs.

3rd Company

20. Location: Eisendorfska Hut, from which the civilian inhabitants have been evacuated; personnel: 2 officers, 5 NCO's, and 42 men; equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company; frontier section: from Eisendorf Pond to Francina Hut (Franzelhuetten); commanding officer: Lt. Dufek (fnu), deputy - Lt. Zak (fnu).

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4th Company

21. Location: Ples, from which the civilian inhabitants have been evacuated; personnel and equipment: same as that of the 3rd Company; frontier section: from Francina Hut to 300 meters into the forest south of Ples.

5th Company

22. Location: Vaclav, from which the civilian inhabitants have been evacuated; personnel: approximately 2 officers, 5 NCO's, and 41 men; equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company.

6th Company

23. Location: Rybnik (N 49-31, E 12-41), from which the civilian inhabitants have been evacuated; personnel: 2 officers, 6 NCO's, and 38 men; equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company.

7th Company

24. Location: Svarcava (N 49-30, E 12-39), from which the civilian inhabitants have been evacuated; personnel: 2 officers, 4 NCO's, and 41 men; equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company.

8th Company

25. Location: Paadorf, from which the civilian inhabitants have been evacuated; personnel and equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company.

9th Company

26. Location: Grafenried, from which the civilian inhabitants have been evacuated; personnel: 2 officers, 5 NCO's, and 41 men; equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company; frontier section: from the northern edge of Anaberg Forest to 700 meters east of the Grafenried-Untergrafenried highway.

10th Company

27. Location: Nemanice (N 49-26, E 12-43); personnel: 2 officers, 4 NCO's, and 39 men; equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company; frontier section: from the southern boundary of the 9th Company to east of the Waldmuenchen-Cerna Reka (N 49-25, E 12-46)-Klenec (N 49-26, E 12-49) highway; commanding officer: Lt. Pertl (fnu).

11th Company

28. Location: Cerna Reka, from which the civilian inhabitants have been evacuated; personnel: 2 officers, 4 NCO's, and 42 men; equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company; frontier section: from the southern boundary of the 10th Company to elevation point 485 meters (near Cerchov).

12th Company

29. Location: Cerchov Hill (N 49-23, E 12-47); personnel: 2 officers, 5 NCO's, and 44 men; equipment: 1 jeep, 1 motorcycle, 3 riding horses, 3 draft horses, 1 telephone switchboard, 1 radio station, and 4 dogs; commanding officer: Lt. Mudra (fnu).

13th Company

30. Location: Bystrice (Amerika), from which the civilian inhabitants have been evacuated; personnel: 2 officers, 3 NCO's, and 43 men; equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company.

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14th Company

31. Location: Zamecek;¹ personnel: 2 officers, 4 NCO's, and 42 men; equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company.

15th Company

32. Location: Polmava; personnel and equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company.

16th Company

33. Location: Spalenec (N 49-22, E 12-54); personnel: 2 officers, 3 NCO's, and 43 men; equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company.

17th Company

34. Location: Lesni Louka;² personnel and equipment: same as that of the 16th Company.

18th Company

35. Location: Maxov (N 49-21, E 12-56); personnel and equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company.

19th Company

36. Location: Vseruby (N 49-20, E 13-00); personnel and equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company.

20th Company

37. Location: Sruby; personnel and equipment: same as that of the 2nd Company.

Training of 9th Brigade Recruits

38. The recruits assigned to the 9th PS Brigade are directed from their district military commands to Ceska Kubice (N 49-22, E 12-51). There they are taken to the local barracks where they are issued military equipment and their civilian clothing is taken away from them. After that they are sent to various training centers.
39. Source was sent to the Training Center in Babylon (N 49-24, E 12-52), where each recruit received the rest of his military equipment. Billets for the training center were in the former Hotel Praha. The first week of training consisted of basic closed drill without arms. After a week, a solemn ceremony of handing out the rifles to new recruits was held in the center. Stakhanovite workers from nearby plants had the honor of handing out the arms. Each recruit had to swear that he would take good care of the rifle, that he would not abuse it, would defend with it the country and the frontiers, and that he would not let anybody disturb the peace of the country. The rifles were brand new, German Model 98N, produced in Czechoslovakia in 1952. After six weeks of training, some soldiers received submachine guns, and each squad received one light machine gun. After two months of training the soldiers received hand grenades. The last month of training consisted mostly of practice, live firing, grenade throwing, gas mask training, and study of the theory of the rocket launcher (pancerovka). The military oath was administered collectively for all the recruits in the brigade in Pobezovice. Two weeks later the elementary training was over and the men were sent to their respective PS units. There were altogether 1,400 recruits assigned to the 9th Brigade; 280 of these recruits, 280 received their initial training at the Babylon Training Center, 420 at Ceska Kubice, 280 at Ujezd Svateho Krize (N 49-34, E 12-45), 280 at Hostoun (N 49-34, E 12-45), and 140 at Pobezovice. In the course of the initial training the recruits were screened by their NCO's and officers with a view to selection for NCO schooling. Those chosen were re-checked as to their class origin and political reliability, and the men who passed were sent for a six-month course to Hostoun.

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Training Center in Ujezd Svateho Krize

40. The training center in Ujezd Svateho Krize is located in the former castle on the southeast edge of the village. This center is used for finishing training for those recruits who did not do well during the initial course. If a man does not progress well even in the finishing course, he is then assigned to the Interior Guard (Vnitřní stráž) for duty. Such a man has a chance to get back to the PS after a year of reliable duty with the VS.

1.  Comment: Possibly Zamelic.
2.  Comment: Not further identified.
3.  Comment: This figure is incompatible with the figure given in paragraph 1 of 1,300 men in the brigade.

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